

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2019

Christ the King

As we are approaching *that* time of the year, our dread as we join in the commercialism and frantic rush that is our experience of Christmas surely conflicts with our joy as we celebrate that God came among us, as us! What mixed messages do we send about our belief in Christianity. Surely as people light up their houses with Santa Claus and cribs with reindeers, what Christian message does that spell out for the young and impressionable? The feast we are celebrating today and the gospel we read is another mixed and confused image. Christ our King does not wear a golden crown, but a crown of thorns. Christ our King does not exercise power and control over his subjects, but instead lays down his life to assure for them the kingdom. Despite earthly notions of kingship, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. It was here with the cross as a throne that Jesus challenges. Through our baptism we share in the sovereignty of Christ, the King who gave all and revealed the complete love of God for all. The last words of the gospel and liturgical year are words that announce Christ as the King. They are the only words of power and authority that can bring comfort and dignity to all of humanity. *'Today you will be with me in Paradise.'* These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is King over us all.

Marguerite Martin

Religious Christmas Cards will be on sale today after all Masses in the front foyer of the Church. \$5 for 8 cards.

Columban Calendars: are now available @ \$9.00

We, the Parish community of St. Vincent's, with a genuine sense of belonging, strive to follow the example of Christ and spread the Vincentian spirit throughout the Ashfield district.

HOLY HOUR

with the BLESSED SACRAMENT

11am to 12 noon

Every Wednesday before the 12 noon Mass.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday, 1st December "*St Vincent's around the Hot Water Urn*" the Parish Council invites ALL parishioners to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the 8am and 10am masses in the hall or playground (depending the weather).

Sunday, 8th December Parish Christmas BBQ after ALL masses in the playground.

Friday, December 13th Youth Group Trivia Night in the hall @ 7pm. Money raised will go towards Youth Group Expenses and church maintenance. All details on the brochure in the foyer of the church.

Ashfield St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Ashfield St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their appeal on Sunday 1st December. Envelopes will be placed on the seats for anyone wishing to donate to this appeal.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Over the next three Sundays, December 1, 8 and 15, your local St Vincent de Paul branch will be collecting non-perishable food items for Christmas hampers. These will be distributed to struggling individuals and families in our area, who have been assisted by the Society during the year. Please place your donated items in the baskets under the Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity in making sure these families are able to share in the joy of Christmas.

Some suggested items:

Tinned fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna, salmon
Breakfast cereals and bars
Biscuits savoury and sweet
Pasta and sauces
Tea, coffee, milo, cordial
Christmas cakes, puddings and other treats

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Joti Bilowalu CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin
Aparna John (Mon & Tues)

There will be **no** Novena for **Miraculous Medal** in December 2019 and January 2020. Novena will recommence in February 2020.



The Christmas Countdown Advent Family Candle

Every year we buy a chocolate advent calendar for our children to count down to the birth of Jesus. This year I invite you to come and make an Advent Family Candle.

How nice it would be to light your candle each day and sit together as a family offering a prayer of thanks and some time thinking about how your family will prepare for Christmas.

I invite you to come to St Vincent's School on Friday 29th at 9am OR 2pm to make your own candle. Please REVP by Wednesday 27th to Sinead Kent 0420 653 637 or sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 9:00am
Saturday 9:00am
Morning Prayer: 8:40am (Saturday)
Sunday: 8am 10:00am 6:00pm
Polish Mass 12 noon
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9.00 am First Wednesday of the Month, 3:30pm Reconciliation, 4:00 Mass & Anointing, First Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.



St Vincent's Ashfield Social Justice Group

Dates relevant to Social Justice this week:

- Sunday 24th November; on this day in 1964 the National Service Act was passed by the Australian Parliament
- Monday 25th November is *the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women*, known as *White Ribbon Day* **and** on this day in 1981 the UN passed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief
- Tuesday 26th November; on this day in 1981 Sojourner Truth, an African Abolitionist and human rights activist, died
- Wednesday 27th November; on this day in 1998, the first Sydney Peace Prize was awarded to Muhammad Yunus
- Friday 29th November is *the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People* **and** on this day in 1980 Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, died **and** on this day in 1986 St John Paul II met with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at Alice Springs.

The Social Justice group meets on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the **parish centre** at **9.45am**.
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Healing and Forgiveness Retreat

A one day retreat has been organised for school parents and parishioners. The theme of the day will be Healing and Forgiveness and includes talks from Sister Margaret Scully and Mathew Tague.

When: Wednesday 4 December

Where: Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, Hunters Hill.

Time: The day is from 9.30am - 2.30pm or you are welcome to join us first for the parish Mass at 9am in Holy Name of Mary Church.

Cost: \$15 (includes morning tea & lunch)

RSVP: Monday 2 November on

annette.leahy@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Please contact me via email and leave your phone number and the names of people attending. Bring \$15 for each person on the day and you are welcome to bring children for free. Hope to see you there.

Annette Leahy - Marsfield Family Educator

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: They anointed David king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

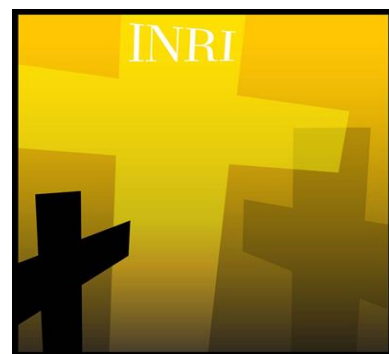
PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 121:1-5)

SECOND READING: He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the Kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.



Next Sunday's Readings First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44